# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF MUSTARD
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the production of mustard during the last three years in the country, year-wise;

(b) whether the production of mustard in the country is not as per demand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of mustard in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The production of rapeseed/mustard during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are shown in the table below:

(Production in Lakh tonnes)

| Crops | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 |
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| Rapeseed/mustard | 50.83 | 38.80 | 61.98 |

(b): The demand of rapeseed/mustard separately has not been assessed. However, the demand for oilseeds as a whole is higher than the production. The gap between demand of edible oils and domestic production is bridged by import.

(c)&(d): In order to increase production and productivity of oilseeds including mustard the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plan protection equipments, weedicides, supply Rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds on a large scale. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR).

Besides, flexibility has also been given to the States for introducing innovative measures or any special component to the extent of 10% of financial allocation and involvement of private sector by the State Governments. In the implementation of the programme i.e. seed production, supply of inputs, extension support, block and frontline demonstrations with a financial cap of 15%. With a view to encouraging production of oilseeds, including rapeseed/mustard seed, the Government has been announcing relatively higher Minimum Support Prices for oilseeds vis-a-vis other crops, particularly cereals.